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Suggests Alberta Government Act To Aid Ailing Coal Industry UNION WILL ATTEMPT TO GET ORDERS TO KEEP MINE OPEN

The largest crowd ever to assemble in Coleman gathered at the Roxy Theatre Thursday afternoon to lay plans for the solution to the problem resulting out of the mine closing here the first of the week. Many questions were asked and the answers given during the afternoon, the meeting reaching its climax on a motion presented by Jack Ramsay. Mr. Ramsay asked that the meeting call for a delegation from the Union, the Council and the Board of Trade, to meet Mr. Manning and ask that he press Mr. Howe and the Federal government for coal orders that would possibly reopen the mine and give the men back their jobs.

"Don't take this as district-wide," Mr. Ramsay told the meeting. "We have done that all the time and that is where we have made our mistake. The men here are directly affected after 30, 40 or 45 years in the mine. Now they are packing their tools out and they won't be able to get a job anywhere else. These men have spent their life's earnings on their homes here. It is the saddest blow that Coleman has ever had. I have been in two explosions and this is the greatest blow I have seen. This is the fight of every citizen in the Pass, and it should be immediate. We should send a strong delegation to Edmonton now, not two weeks from now when the people will have forgotten about the miners. There is an assessment of one and a half million dollars plus the utilities in Coleman that will be rocked by this shut-down. I can call a meeting of the council and get two delegates to go with two from the union and two from the Board of Trade to ask Mr. Manning to use all the brains he's got on Mr. C. D. Howe to give us a little bit of the coal market to keep these men who can't get work elsewhere, at work in the mine."

From this point the miners packing the hall, named the local president and secretary to represent the union.

President Ondrus presided over the meeting and called upon Secretary N. Ash to relate the gathering the meeting of the executive and the Company last Monday. Mr. Ash stated that the reason that one mine was closed and the other tipple, was because a new briquette plant was built at the International Mine and therefore this tipple must operate. Excessive costs of switching cars from the McGillivray Mine to the briquette plant resulted in a decision to haul the coal from McGillivray to the International tipple by truck. It is the operators' intention to strip McGillivray and let her go, this taking from three to five years. If there is still a coal market at this time they intend to re-open the International which will have a lifetime of from 15 to 20 years on a close basis, or where coal could be got easy. "I know," said Mr. Ash "that the life time of International would be 100 years if they want to do a little developing."

The miners at International have packed their tools up. No body has been officially laid off, maybe it is a threat, nobody knows. According to the company on operating two days they could not survive, and with the strip working this is the only way to keep operating. "I think," said the speaker, "they could have notified us earlier when we could have made an appeal to the government."

The union secretary stated that he had been in touch with W. Kovach, M.L.A., who suggested that they send a delegation to Edmonton and that he would arrange to have this delegation meet with Mr. Manning. At this point Steve Penney stated that the executive had tried to have the mine kept open for another couple of weeks to allow the miners more time to look for other employment. Following Mr. Ash's report the meeting was open for questions,

which Vice-president Stekoluk recorded and answered at the completion of his remarks. Mr. Stekoluk stated that seniority was strictly seniority with the mine. An underground man could bump a man on the tipple of the same mine providing he had the seniority and could do the job. As for the men that are a few years shy of receiving the welfare, he stated that when a man was laid off under section 8 of the welfare agreement, he has the right to pay his union dues and get a job in another industry, then at the age of 62 he would receive welfare on a reduced basis, based on how many years he worked in the mine and how many years in the other industry. The man would pay \$1 per month dues while unemployed and \$4 per month while employed in the other industry.

Reviewing the situation, Mr. Stekoluk listed the 15 mines that have closed during the past three years. Production of coal has dropped from the peak year of 1946 when it exceeded 8 million tons to 5 million in 1953. The drop from 1952 to 1953 was one million tons. The situation is not good anywhere at the present time, the coal and textile industries being the hardest hit.

There is a general slackening of production in every industry, being 55,960 unemployed according to statistics. Mr. Howe stated that there were lots of jobs if the men just got out and hustled. Mr. Howe knows these figures do not give the true picture, just representing the men that are applying for unemployment. How many men are moving about the country or how many men have exhausted their unemployment insurance?

What is behind the shut-down, the speaker could not say, although he felt that sometimes mines are closed to squeeze the small shareholder out. He recalled the events of 1924, the year of the long strike and Fernie mine closed. Men were forced to accept lower wages and break away from the union, this movement spreading across the district. "I just wonder," he said, "if this is another attempt 30 years later. I suggest that you keep this in mind."

Mr. Stekoluk then reviewed the past interviews with the government and commented on the report that morning on action being taken by the provincial government. The statement that Mr. Manning had returned royalties of \$800,000 back to the operators to aid them was not accurate, he said. This return of royalties was done as the result of a decision handed down by the Supreme Court, not as a gesture of aid. As for a Commission of Inquiry into the coal problem, he considered it a waste of time and money. Four Royal Commissions have already been held without the situation being altered.

Following this address the motion of Mr. Ramsay was introduced and the meeting discussed the plan. Buck passing by the governments was cited and the union recalling how the federal government had turned the resources back to the province. As a result any query directed to the federal body received the statement "go to your provincial government. What are they doing?"

The meeting approved the motion and decided that a delegation should wait upon the Premier, at which time S. Penney stated that if necessary to get action, all the miners in Alberta should parade past the legislative buildings.

"The coal industry is down," Mr. Penney stated, "yet they take royalties from the industry. The government at Edmonton is doing nothing, they are taking millions out of oil, being partly responsible for our being out of work. Why don't they quit taking the royalties and give us a subvention?"

When asked if the union could give financial aid to the men, Mr. Stekoluk stated that the situation was similar in Drumheller, and other places and that it was not possible to give financial aid. From this came the question as why should the union send \$2 to the International and \$1 to the district when this money could be used to help the men here. To this the speaker replied that if you want to remain a member of the U.M.W.A. these must be paid. The constitution must be adhered to.

Another question related the position of the young worker that has not completed the 180 days necessary for Unemployment Insurance and has not the means of getting out or remaining here. It was asked if anything could be done to get him benefits. The reply was that this 180 days was set by act of parliament and could not be altered except by parliament. The Blairmore office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission had notified the union that a mass registration for work would be taken at a later date.

Board Of Trade Selects Delegates To Meet Premier; Hears Report Of Mine Shut-down

Coleman business men heard first hand the result of the meeting between the Union and the Coal Company that brought out the announcement that the International Mine and the McGillivray Tipple would close, when Secty. Norman Ash waited on the board asking that they send two delegates along with the Union and the town to attend a meeting with the Premier.

Mr. Ash reviewed the happenings at the union meeting Thursday afternoon and called upon the business men to see that the lay-off affects them directly. The speaker pointed out that a call had gone out to the business men asking them to attend the mass meeting at Blairmore without response. A similar meeting will be held at that centre Sunday night and he again invited them to attend.

President pro-tem J. R. Hill asked the speaker a number of questions in an attempt to lay a concrete plan that could be presented in the meeting and also to eliminate any confusion. From this point discussion was held along the same lines as the union meeting which is reported elsewhere in this paper.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay spoke on behalf of the Town Council and as a citizen of Coleman, drawing the meeting's attention to the grave situation that faces the older workers and through them the merchants. "These are the men

that have built the town, raised their families and answered every patriotic call of the government," the speaker said. "All we are asking for is a little help. We ask that the Premier go east and bring pressure upon the federal government to help us re-open the mine. It is reported that it takes a million tons of coal to keep these mines operating and the town from becoming a ghost town. The present orders call for half that amount. If the federal government could give us a market for that lost half million tons, these men could go back to work."

Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Ash answered all questions as to royalties, subsidies and other related matters, leaving the board with the decision that it was absolutely necessary that the board send delegates to help in the fight to keep International open and Coleman alive. From the discussion it was decided that J. R. Hill, L. Owen, J. Holyk and J. Salus represent the board at Edmonton.

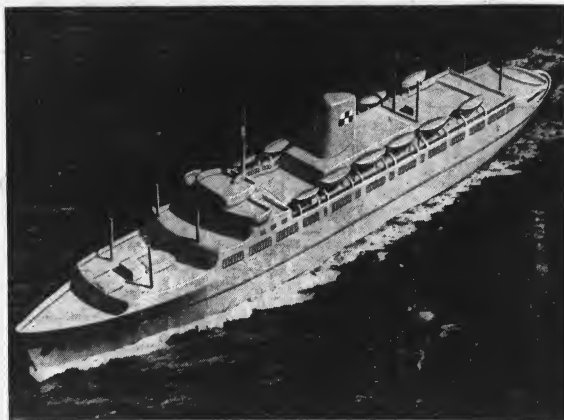
Changes Made In Delegation

Since the copy was mailed to the type setters changes in the delegation to Edmonton were made

J. R. Hill, L. Owen and J. Holyk did not make the trip as planned, Padre H. Moss and J. Salus representing the Board of Trade.

H. Wilton-Clarke represented Coleman Collieries.

"NEW LOOK" FOR NEW EMPRESSES



A scale model of two new 23,000-ton stream-lined ships now on order by the Canadian Pacific Steamships for transatlantic service is shown above making a realistic trial run in a British tank. The 21-knot liners with rakish lines and echelon decks will bring a "new look" to Canada's 1,000-mile inland portion of the transatlantic route when they go into service in 1956 and

the second ship was let in Great Britain recently by A. C. MacDonald of Montreal, managing director of Canadian Pacific Steamships, to Vickers-Armstrongs Limited, while the first, which will be named Empress of Britain, has been under construction since last Fall by Fairfield, Ltd. Specially designed for the Canada-United Kingdom

Visit to the Briquette Plant

Thursday, March 24th was another "first" day for Coleman Collieries, for it was on this day that the first briquette rolled from the new half million dollar plant, erected at the International Mine. It is expected that when a good running load is obtained and conditions right, the plant will be turning out the briquettes at a rate of 30 tons per hour. Already coal cars on the siding are partially loaded with the product and more briquettes are being elevated to the storage bins. This step by the Coleman Collieries is in keeping with the demands of the customer.

Mindful that any advancement or modernization by the operators is to the interest of each and every citizen of the town, The Journal arranged to make a tour of the plant and attempt to relate to its subscribers just how the plant operates. In this regard, we were taken on a conducted tour by Mr. Eugene Fabro, who explained the process.

Going to the north side of the new building first, Mr. Fabro showed how slack coal was being elevated from a pit below the railway cars on the siding. He explained that when the mine was idle and slack coal is not on hand, the slack is dumped from the railway cars onto feeders that elevate it to the bins or directly into the plant. On the days that the mine is working, the bins will be filled direct from the tipple.

When elevated directly to the plant the coal is dumped into the large surge bin holding seven to eight tons. This bin has two automatic indicators. When coal reaches the level of the lower indicator, the indicator automatically starts the feed to refill the surge bin. At the bottom of the bins is a set of 12 magnetic feeders which will work in conjunction with the bin control.

From the surge bin the coal is transferred to a variable speed feeder equipped with a \$2,000 magnetic pulley. The coal then drops into a steam jacketed pre-heater which is equipped with a number of conveying paddles. In this heater the coal is brought to the proper temperature.

The next step for the coal is in to the emulsifier which consists of an asphalt line and a hot steam line. In this step the frothed asphalt is mixed with the coal and proceeds to the paddle mixer and from there to the giant fluxer, which merely serves to churn the mixture some more.

From the fluxer, the mixed coal and asphalt drops onto the tempering conveyor. When the mixture leaves the fluxer it is at a temperature of 200 degrees, and after travelling over the fan cooled tempering conveyor this temperature is reduced by approximately 60 degrees.

Leaving the tempering conveyor the mixture enters another tempering paddle mixer which brings it to the proper temperature before being pressed. Most plants do not use this extra tempering, the Coleman unit adding it to make sure that the product is right. The mixture on reaching this point and before going to the press, is warm to the hand and can readily be molded into a ball by hand.

Having followed the coal from the railway car to the press, we back-tracked to the source of asphalt and went outside to look at the three storage tanks each holding 10,000 gallons. Adjoining these is a small room equipped with a pump that will empty asphalt from the tank cars into any one of the three storage tanks, and another pump that pumps from any of the tanks into the plant.

Leaving the asphalt unit, we walked around to the south side of the new structure and watched the finished briquettes dropping on to a large conveyor and elevated into the storage bins of 600 ton capacity. When shipments are being made up to be dispatched to a customer, the finished briquettes are elevated by this same conveyor but into the tipple. As they enter the tipple a complex piece of machinery called the Weightometer, registers the exact weight that the endless belt is carrying into the tipple, showing exactly the weight that the customer receives.

At the time of our visit briquettes were being produced and elevated to the storage bins, while men worked around every machine to put the finishing touches to the plant. The magnitude and complexity of this new venture amazes the layman when you consider the speed with which it was erected and put into operation.

World Happenings In Pictures

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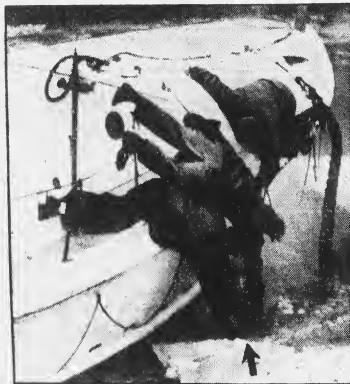


JUNIOR CHAMPIONS—Saskatoon Tech school won back for Saskatchewan the Canadian junior curling championship when they defeated Manitoba 10-7 in a sudden-death playoff, after the two rivals ended with the same number of wins at the end of the championship schedule with other provinces of the Dominion.

Dogs Lead Hectic Life In The Windy City



Rabies inoculation doesn't shake this pup's love of man.

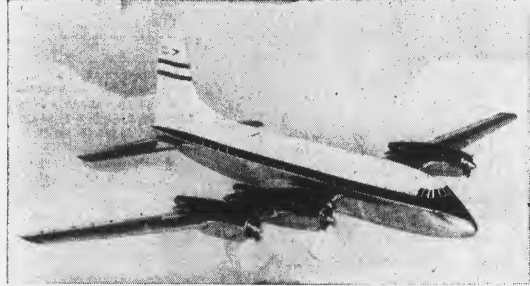


Hanging from boat, as if by magic...

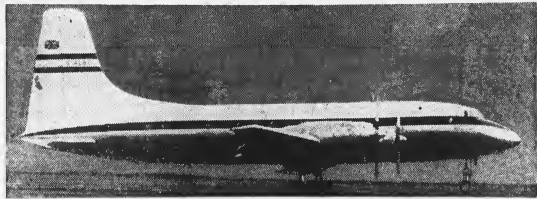
A dog's life in Chicago, Ill., recently was not a rosy one. It all started when two rabid dogs bit 10 persons in 16 hours. Strays were ordered picked up and inoculated against the disease. While some of the dogs weren't too appreciative of man's efforts to save them from rabies, others, like the one at left shown kissing veterinarian Erich R. Maschgan, refused to let their love for man be shaken by the momentary prick of an injection needle. And, while the Windy City warred on rabies, time was taken out by the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago and the Coast Guard to rescue a mongrel who wandered out onto the icy waters of the Chicago River—and couldn't get back. When coaxing failed to bring the dog ashore, three sailors hung from a Coast Guard cutter, lower left, and pulled the dog, arrow, from the water. Ben Maringer of the Anti-Cruelty Society is shown at lower right holding the frightened dog in a leather jacket after the rescue.



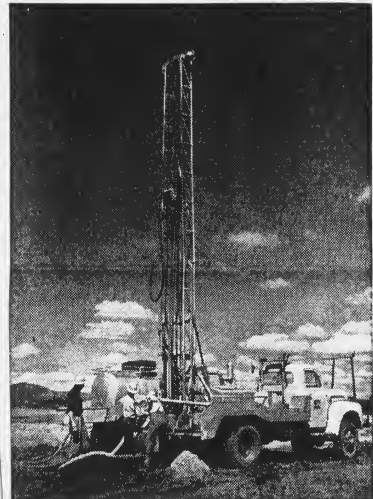
... saves dog from drowning.



A BRIGHT PROSPECT for Canada's 10,500 employees loomed suddenly with the completion of months of negotiation and the recent announcement that the government will award a \$815,000,000 contract for 50 Bristol Britannias, to the Montreal company. The initial order will be for \$85,000,000 which will cover general engineering costs in preparation for building the world's largest airliner, and for production of the first 20 planes, plus the initial building of two prototypes which will take anywhere from one to two years to construct. The Britannia will become a replacement for the now obsolete World War II Lancaster, and before production can begin, an agreement with Bristol Aeroplane Co. of Britain will have to be negotiated. In this respect, it is understood that license arrangements are going forward with the British company. The photos above and below show the plane.



EVERYBODY WINS—Richard HOLLOMB, 12, gets acquainted with his new collie puppy in a Memphis, Tenn., courtroom. A few minutes before Dick wasn't so happy. General Sessions Judge Robert Hoffman, in a Solomon-like decision, had ruled that the youngster would have to return a collie he had found and grown to love. But His Honor made everybody a winner when he presented this purebred pup to Dick.



OIL EXPLORATION last year in Saskatchewan by Imperial Oil has continued at record levels. Geological parties and seismic crews have been active in many parts of the province. Here a seismic drilling crew near Arcola is readying its mobile rig before drilling a shot hole. By timing shock waves created by underground dynamite explosions seismic crews can often map the contour of rock formation far below ground.



LOOKING FOR A SINGLE volume out of the 3,500,000 stored in New York's public library is a page using an Olin miner's lantern. The 80 miles of shelves are being rewired for fluorescent lighting. Normally it takes seven minutes to locate a book, but when the pages were forced to use flashlights to find requested volume, the time increased to 40 minutes. Hearing about the library's plight, an industrial company donated the headlight lanterns.



BEAUTY AND HER BEASTS—Hollywood mask-maker Millicent Patrick stands before a mirror with one of her creations on her head, another to her right. The one at right, called the "Gill Man," will soon be seen in a science-fiction thriller.



SKY HI GETS LAID LOW as Australia's Pat O'Connor sails through the air with a flying drop-kick. O'Connor defeated Sky Hi Lee in the latter's Madison Square Garden debut.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

A Kiss In Time

By Carol Ely Harper

IF YOU marry that Caplain you lie down at Fort Walla Walla, and when he's back on his next scouting trip to St. Louis, he falls for a St. Louis belle and deserts you and the Indians out here—and, meantime, I manage somehow to grub out the sagebrush on my land and raise a million beehives on it, and get some kind of a house built for us—will you divorce him, and marry me?"

Dark, lean Tom Van Vranken, Snake River cowboy and new homesteader, held his neighbor's daughter's hand in a tight grip. They stood on the long porch of her father's ranch house. The last rays of a brilliant summer sunset poured on them.

Marian tossed her yellow head merrily. Her slanting blue eyes laughed teasingly.

"Sure!" she agreed. "When you produce that million calves! But not before! She relaxed and smiled. "Now, Tom, she scolded. "How many times have I got to tell you 'no'? Don't you see I know you too well to get interested in you that way? Your Dad and mine coming here in the same wagons, taking up homesteads side by side. Me growing up with you, Tom! And now you starting a homestead of your own close! You bringing me home from your place on the back of your horse when I was a kid, when my old Sally would jump the fence—oh, that Sally! Remember?—and come home without me? Digging caves in the bank behind the bunkhouse, till Dad made us stop."

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to keep the hill from caving in! Oh, Tom—don't you see? Miking the cows with you? Branding the cattle? Driving them—Bartering with the Indians at Fort Walla Walla—"

"And kissing you—when I got a chance—" Tom's hands tightened, and he glowered. "Like last night, when we got back from fighting that fire at Dark's. Are my kisses an old story, too?"

"Yes, that's just it!" she frowned. "Oh, don't you see, Tom?—I have known you so long that—well, you're just like an old shoe—not a thrill in a wagon load!" His jaw shot out, fire flashed in his eyes, and he caught her in his embrace, in hard arms muscled from breaking horses and bullocking steers. "Gee! Heavens!" Marian choked—"I'll be anything but an old shoe! 'Not a thrill in a wagon load,' is that so you little devil! Well, take that! And that! And that! And remember how it feels, because I'm never going to kiss you again!" He bent her back, his lips brushed her lips.

Then he dropped her as abruptly as he had seized her. As he strode off into the yard toward the gate, she recovered her breath and cried after him—"Tom Van Vranken, I hate you! Don't you ever come near me again, you beast!"

She rubbed her arms where his hands had hurt her, and stared after his disappearing dark height and clinking spurs in dark fury. "No, sir, don't you ever come back!" she choked after him, from between clenched teeth—"Of all the insulting, vulgar, tinhorn comebacks I ever knew, you are the worst!"

"Just what I had decided!" he stopped at the gate to fling back. "I've been a fool, reaching for a hifalutin' gal like you! That's why I'm going down to the cookhouse right now, and ask Eva to marry me!" With a mock sob, she vanished in the shadows toward the ranch cook's house.

Marian, her hand to her amazed, gaping mouth, listened to his steps turn in at Coby Charlie's house fifty feet further on. In stupefaction she heard Tom's baritone then rise in fervent song.

"Come, my love, the stars are shining, time is flying—love is sighing—" he sang pleadingly. What! Was he actually serenading Eva, Charlie's pretty sixteen-year-old daughter?

"Come, my love, with a sob of fury, plunged into the ranch house and through the big kitchen and into her bedroom. Racked with angry tears she flung herself upon her bed.

"To kiss her like that, and then go out immediately and start serenading dark-eyed cooing Eva, who had been following him all over the place, like a pet cat, for weeks now!"

Marian stifled back a shriek of anger as she heard Tom's baritone rise upon a high, clear, ringing note—every word distinct!

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SOMETHING OF A RECORD—Pictured above are three St. Lawrence Eiks hockey fans who have travelled over 6,000 miles in the past three years to see Big Six hockey at Souris. MR. AND MRS. F. E. CULLEN and son, BILL (centre) of Willem, have only missed two games in three years and both because they were snow-bound. Once this year they got as far as Virden in 30-below weather, but had to return to their farm home at Willem, which is 84 miles north-east of Souris. Mr. and Mrs. Cullen saw their first hockey game at Brandon three years ago when Souris Eiks were playing the Brandon Athletics, they liked the brand of hockey and became supporters of Souris. Mr. Cullen says they like the way they are treated at Souris, and always look forward to going there. Last fall they made a special trip to Souris to see how the team was lining up and to catch up on Big Six gossip.

—Photo courtesy of Souris Plumber.

Treherne 4-H Beef Club Trophy Winner For 1953

The 4-H Beef club from Treherne has been announced the 1953 winner of the Winnipeg Livestock Exchange Trophy awarded annually to highest ranking club in Manitoba. The Treherne club scored 968 points out of a possible 1,000 for their calves activities and quality of produce.

Close behind the winning club was Boissevain, with a score of 958. Others in the top bracket were Daaswood (941 points), Turtle Mountain (922), Neepawa (918) and Ninga (905).

The 88 clubs which completed the 1953 project marketed 1045 calves during the year for an average price of \$20.66 per cwt. Total value of business transacted by the 4-H beef clubs amounted to \$192,000.

J. F. Muirhead, Supervisor of 4-H clubs in the province, noted that calves marketed were of high quality.

FARMERS FAVOR BOUNDARY CHANGE

HANNA, Alta. — One hundred and three farmers and thirty-eight residents of the Village of Craigmyle are in favor of joining the Municipal District of Stariand, under proposed changes to the county boundary commission which was set in Hanna some time ago. Since the commission first appeared here there has been considerable discussion pro and con over the proposed change.

At a meeting in Craigmyle recently a letter was drafted and the petition enclosed to Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and a letter also sent to Hon. W. W. Cross, informing him of the meeting's decision. The one hundred and odd farmers represent the greater portion of Range 16, Twp. 31-32 and 33, and a number in 29 and 30, while the larger portion of ratcypies in the village of Craigmyle have also signified their approval of the transfer to Stariand municipality.

Veteran Blacksmith Sees Trade Dwindle

MOOSE JAW, Sask. — Veteran of more than 40 years service, A. E. Reid is Moose Jaw's sole blacksmith, and apparently there is no replacement in sight for the old man who has been in the trade at Holstein, Ont., near Owen Sound, in 1902. He came to Moose Jaw in 1911, working in a company owned shop on the site of his present forge.

At one time he had two electric forges, but he sold out in 1941 and returned to Ontario, where he operated a chicken farm for a spell. When he reverted to smithing four years later electric forges were scarce. So he went back to a hand forge.

Mechanically minded young fellows are not interested in learning blacksmithing nowadays, says Mr. Reid sadly. Welding is the big thing. He operates on a hand-forged. He claims the flickering and glare from welding tools upsets and scares horses.

"It used to be a good trade at one time," says Mr. Reid. In the old days he attended to as many as 17 horses a day. Current customers comprise dairy-wagons and a few saddle horses.

MANY PROSPECTORS—Residents of Saskatchewan's far north are showing increasing interest in prospecting, said Malcolm Norris, director of prospecting activities for the mineral resources department. Typical was a two-day prospecting class at Lac la Ronge attended by 18 native and five white residents.

BUSY STOCKYARD—The Alberta stockyards here handled 238,353 of the 1,518,000 head of cattle marketed at public stockyards in Canada in 1953.

Giant Task Maintaining Alaska Road

WHITEHORSE, Yukon Territory—A few miles north of here, water splashed a foot deep across the Alaska Highway, fed by a glacier spawned in a nearby stream.

Within an hour, an army highway maintenance crew was at the scene.

"Active" glaciers creeping across the long northern road and capable of raising an icy "hump" several feet thick unless controlled are but one of the unusual problems involved in the year-round maintenance of the Alaska highway.

Gigantic task of maintaining the road that threads 1,221 miles north from Dawson Creek to the Alaska border is the responsibility of the Whitehorse headquarters commanded by Brigadier H. W. Love, O.B.E., C.D.

Headquarters of the Northwest Highway System is without counterpart in the Canadian army.

Coming closest to it, by way of comparison, would be a gigantic construction firm carrying thousands on its payrolls, owning a fleet of equipment valued in the millions, and carrying a paternal interest in its employees to the point of providing everything from housing to theatres.

Story of the building of the Alaska highway during the last war has found its place in the annals of northern enterprise and ingenuity.

Probably because it is far less spectacular, story of the engineers and construction and maintenance crews in the post-war years is less well-known.

It's not well-known, for example, that the hurriedly constructed highway has been rebuilt, and many of the original wooden bridges have been replaced, some with steel spans costing up to two and a half million dollars.

In keeping a watchful eye on the 1,200-mile length of the highway in Canada, the army has a dual role . . . maintenance and construction.

Rain or shine, winter or summer, maintenance patrols rumble up and down the curving, scenic highway from Dawson Creek in the south to the Alaska border in the north.

The patrols work out from 17 maintenance camps spaced at strategic distances along the Canadian sector of the road. The camps are the "heart" of the maintenance system. In them live the men who pull their parkas tighter and head out into fifty below temperatures when trouble looms along the road.

Although maintained by the army, most of the men working out of the lonely camps are civilians.

Often carved out of the woods pressing in on the highway, the camps are little islands of community life in a mountainous, tree-

Sask. Landing Historic Site

REGINA. — The Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee has enthusiastically accepted a proposal made for the development of Saskatchewan Landing as a historic site, Fred McGuinness, Executive Director of the Jubilee Committee, said recently.

The suggestion, made by Editor Jim Greenblatt of the Swift Current Sun, was that an area immediately south of the Saskatchewan Landing Bridge be developed as a park by the joint action of Swift Current, Kyle Leelan, Stewart Valley and the Rural Municipality in the area.

Included in the proposed park area is an old stone house in an excellent state of repair which had at one time been a Mounted Post. Many interesting artifacts of both Indian and early settler life have been found in the area.

The Jubilee Historic Sites committee will provide a marker at Saskatchewan Landing, pointing out that it was at that point that the old Battleford Trail crossed the South Saskatchewan River. A second marker will be erected to point out the southern terminus of the Battleford Trail in the city of Swift Current, where a park is being set aside for this purpose.

covered northern vastness that is lonely and untamed.

Alongside the cluster of army buildings at the typical Alaska maintenance camp is usually a "repeater station"—a relay point on the Northwest Communication System which funnels telephone and teletype messages in and out of the north.

Often, too, a coffee counter, lodge or "stopping place" springs up a stone's throw from the maintenance camp.

Equipped with their own power plants and waterworks systems, the camps offer the men and their families at least some of the amenities. Schools, chapels and small theatres add another "community" touch to the camps.

In the construction phase of the highway program, many miles of the road have been rebuilt since the end of the war.

With speed the watchword during its construction, the road was pushed through by the easiest and fastest route. Since the war, grades have been improved, dangerous curves ironed out, and some stretches entirely rebuilt.

Replacing the original spans, several big new steel bridges have been thrown across rivers along the road.

Biggest bridge project is the Donkeyman at mile 1,130. It is 1,600 feet long. At Mile 803, a nine-span bridge, more than a third of a mile long, has been built at a cost of about two and a half million dollars—Grande Prairie Herald-Tribune.

ALBERTA ORANGES

MEDICINE HAT, Alta. — Alberta may not be able to grow cotton or peanuts, but it can grow oranges—under glass. Peter MacQueen has a three-year-old orange tree which is bearing fruit this winter for the first time.

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What About Smoking And Cancer?

The hottest medical controversy of our times focusses on the effect of cigarette smoking on lung cancer, according to Sidney Katz, assistant editor of Maclean's Magazine. In an article in the current issue of Maclean's Katz says "The implications of the cigarette-lung cancer controversy are staggering."

Cigarette sales have already fallen off, Katz reports. "A decline in cigarette smoking would hit both the tobacco industry and the government economy," he points out. "Three hundred thousand Canadians are directly dependent on the tobacco industry for a livelihood. And tobacco now yields the federal government over \$240 million annually or six per cent of its total revenue."

In the last 20 years the number of annual deaths from lung cancer in Canada has jumped from 183 to 1503, while Canadian annual cigarette consumption has skyrocketed from five billion to 21 billion in the same period, Katz says. He quotes Dr. Alton Ochsner, a New Orleans cancer specialist, who predicts that "by 1970 one man in 12 will have cancer of the lung."

Some medical researchers attribute this increase not to cigarettes but to such causes as increased air pollution and use of irritating substances in new industries, Katz says. They also claim that the increase is more apparent than real — that lung cancer statistics have been pushed sky-high by improved methods of diagnosis and by the increased Canadian population. Katz quotes Dr. Cuyler Hammond, director of statistical research for the Amer-

ican Cancer Society: "It may turn out that smoking has so little influence on the development of cancer that only a few very timid souls would take the danger seriously."

Among medical men who hold cigarette smoking responsible for lung cancer are Dr. Everts Graham and Dr. Ernest Wynder, U.S. scientists who recently conducted a startling experiment in which 44 per cent of white mice treated with tobacco tar developed cancer. Maclean's quotes these researchers as saying "This experiment shows conclusively that there is something in cigarette smoke that can produce cancer. In general it appears that the more heavily a person smokes the greater the chances of becoming affected by the disease."

According to Maclean's, Dr. Ivan Smith, head of Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., says "practically all the men I've treated for lung cancer have been over forty and have smoked one or two packs of cigarettes a day."

New Coal Policy Is Studied

EDMONTON (cp) — Premier Manning says the government is studying establishment of a provincial policy under which only the best grades of Alberta coal will be shipped from the province. Mr. Manning made the statement in the legislature Wednesday in reply to opposition leader J. Harper Prowse, who said the poorer grades of coal were exported from Alberta, resulting in loss of markets.

Mr. Prowse said the province should set a standard for the type of coal which could be exported.

Set Up New System

The Premier said such a system was about to be established at the time of the last war but was halted by imposition of fuel control. A new system is in the process of being established, he said.

The matter came up when William Kovach (SC-Pincher Creek-Crows Nest) mentioned that one of the mines of Coleman Collieries was to be shut down.

Mr. Kovach suggested a united effort should be made by the mine workers, their employers and the province to urge the federal government to implement a national fuel policy as recommended by a royal commission a few years ago.

"This situation would not have happened if the policy had been adopted," he said.

Mr. Kovach recommended a meeting of interested persons and parties on the coal situation but Mr. Manning said little could be accomplished by such conferences. Federal officials concerned with the problem know what is happening, he said.

Prowse Objects

Mr. Prowse objected to what he termed the "suggestion" that the federal government was responsible for coal mines shutting down.

He said that in 1949 the time of the last royal commission on coal, Alberta did not appear to have the vast oil resources now apparent. A national fuel policy, he said, would have to take such resources into account.

Mr. Kovach retorted that coal mines were being closed in 1938, long before oil development began in Alberta, and that a national fuel policy should have started then.

Hugh John Macdonald (L-Calgary) suggested elimination of the provincial royalty on coal, use of oil and gas revenues for coal research and a provincial power policy.

Mr. Manning said it would be difficult to solve the coal industry's problems in the face of competition from more economical and convenient fuels.

"We must recognize," he said, "that consumers are not going to use coal just for patriotic reasons." Regarding Mr. Macdonald's suggestion that royalties be eliminated the premier said they amounted to about \$250,000 a year. He questioned the justification of lifting them from companies developing only one of the province's natural resources.

OTTAWA (cp) — Mines Minister Prudham suggested Wednesday that the Alberta government do something about the problems of that province's coal industry.

He was asked in the Commons by Rev. E. G. Hansell (SC-MacLeod) whether the federal government will assist Alberta coal mines.

Mr. Hansell referred to news reports that the mine at Coleman will close March 31 and that other mines in the area are likely to follow suit.

Mr. Prudham, who represents Edmonton West constituency, said problems of the west's coal industry have been caused largely by competition from oil and gas. On the other hand, the Alberta government had "prospered enormously" from oil and gas developments.

"I would like to know what the Alberta government is going to do about the coal industry," the minister said.

New Regulations Ready For Alberta Fishermen

With the first day of spring past and summer on its way the thoughts of the department of lands and forests have turned to the same thing anglers have had in mind all winter — fishing.

The new summary of angling regulations, the do's and don'ts for all persons fishing in the province, has been issued by the government office. Among new rules this year is a "No Fishing" sign on the canal leading to Spray Lake. The lake itself will be open from July 1 to Sept. 30 for trout, grayling, and Rocky Mountain whitefish.

As in previous years, McLeod River and its tributaries will be open the entire year; Red Deer river and its tributaries, and the North Saskatchewan river, will be open from May 1 to Sept. 30; Athabasca river and its tributaries, except McLeod river watershed, will be open June 1 to Oct. 15; other waters, open entire year. Lakes frequented by lake trout are open from May 16 to Sept. 15. Pike, pickerel, perch and goldeye open entire year.

It is again unlawful to fish for pike, pickerel, perch or goldeye in waters frequented by trout, grayling, Rocky Mountain whitefish or lake trout, except during the open season for the latter species.

OTHER RULES

The law also frowns greatly on persons: using more than one rod and line, or one line and more than three hooks; using spears, snares, lights, luminous bait, firearms, dynamite or other explosives to kill fish; washing their motor vehicles in waters frequented by fish; selling, bartering or trading fish caught by angling, or leaving a fishing line unattended; liberating live minnows in waters other than those from which they were taken; obstructing fishing streams.

Local fisheries officers report southern Albertans are taking advantage of a law which came into effect this year, allowing fishing through ice in any waters except where there are beaver ponds, or flowing water frequented by trout, grayling or Rocky Mountain white fish.

In previous years, winter time anglers were allowed to fish only in places where there was open water, or in water populated only by coarse fish.

New permits for fishing are required April 1 and maps and complete regulations may be obtained from the Lands and Forest office, 134, 8th ave., East, Calgary. There are also about 80 vendors of permits in the city.

Name Rivers To Be Fished

A newly-released map from the Alberta department of lands and forests shows the following rivers and creeks to be included among those declared open for the coming fishing season:

Chesler River and most of its tributaries: Bow River, Jumping Pound, most tributaries; Kananaskis and most tributaries; Spray Lakes and Smuts Creek; Bighill Creek; Elbow River; Sheep River and most tributaries; Kananaskis lakes, Tongue creek, Highwood River; Willow Creek and most tributaries; Lyndon, Dutch and Racehorse creeks; Oldman river and most tributaries; Crownst, Belly, Waterton and St. Mary's rivers, and Lee Creek; Corbendale and Castle rivers; Pincher creek, Drywood creek; Mami lake.

Among fishing sites declared closed are most tributaries of the Elbow, Highwood and Crownst rivers; Canyon, Bragg and Prairie creeks; Little Elbow river; Fish creek, streams west of Lyndon creek; the South Willow creek; streams south of Castle river.

Miss Rose Powlyk Shower Honoree

Miss Rose Powlyk, bride-elect, was honored at a shower recently in the I.O.O.F. hall, receiving a chrome suite and many other beautiful gifts. Whist prizes were won by Mrs. Mike Harry, Mrs. A. Kubiam and Mrs. Vera McQuarrie. The guessing bean contest was won by Mrs. Kwamie. Hostesses were Mesdames S. Hatalek, N. Kontros, J. Binda, J. Ondrus, B. Chernecky, J. Ondrik, P. Winski, M. Kozibroda, M. Dunford, C. McQuarrie, R. Jenkins, J. Salus, N. McLeod, J. Lukacik, A. Malysa and the Misses J. Powlyk, R. Bubniak, A. Sorooff, A. Tarcon, I. Kovalik and A. Panek.

CBC PLANS GAMES COVERAGE



Plans for the British Empire Games take shape in Vancouver as Stanley V. Smith, general chairman of the Games committee, signs contract giving rights for radio, television and film coverage of the event to the CBC. Looking on (left to right) are Jack McCabe, CBC, co-ordinator for coverage of the games; W. H. Raikes, chairman of the organization's finance committee; and Kenneth Caple, the CBC regional representative in British Columbia. The Games get underway in Vancouver July 30.

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John Owen Played For Dances, Dredged For Gold and Worked In Mines

Going into Owens Red and White at least once a day, we sized Johnny Owen up as a man who was raised selling meats and groceries. By no stretch of the imagination could we have visualized him as a man who had found gold in the fabulous Yukon or drove a cat-drawn supply train.

Talking to John as he moved about filling shelves or ordering merchandise we soon found that appearances are misleading.

John was born at Lancashire, England, in 1905, and came with his parents to Natal at the age of two. His wife was born in the once-thriving mining town of Hosmer and became Mrs. Owen in a ceremony conducted at Blairmore in 1930.

John secured his first job with the Trites-Wood store in Michel working as a butcher and earning the large sum of \$25 a month at the age of 14. Reaching 16, John left the meat counter and found employment in the No. 3 mine as a trapper at \$3.21 a day. From this he moved to such jobs as driving a horse in No. 9 East, taking his horse from Bill Holstein, the horse breaker. During the evenings he earned extra money by playing violin the Dandy Boys orchestra. Jack Causey played drums, Francis Kosler, violin and sax; Jackie Bewick, violin, and Fred Kelling, piano. This combo played for dances at Michel Natal, Hosmer and Fernie.

In 1925 John was ready to tackle the wide world and picked the Yukon as his target. Having

an uncle by the name of Gumboot McLeod living at Dawson City, John had his destination set for him. Gumboot McLeod was an old-timer and has been mentioned in Robert Service's poems. The nickname arose from the fact that Mr. McLeod was quite a political orator and whenever he spoke in a hall he was attired in his mining clothes and ever-present gum-boots.

Nineteen years of age and full of the desire to make good, John first found work in the Yukon as an operator of the thawing points on Dominion Creek. Prior to the visit of the gold dredges, the land had to be thawed and was done by inserting pointed pipes every six feet. Cold water under pressure flowed into these pipes and started thawing. Twisters were clamped onto the pipe and the operator twisted pipe into the ground as it melted. The top 40 feet of the earth were perpetually frozen and bed rock below it. Earlier prospectors had often tunnelled under the surface to get at bed rock and as the thaw points released the frost above these tunnels, points and operator were ducked as they broke through.

John claims that after being ducked in water-filled tunnels at least 14 times a day, he decided to quit.

Walking the 50 miles back to Dawson he obtained work on the gold dredges as a rear decker, working again on Dominion Creek. These dredges were large boats (as may be seen in the accom-

panying photos). The bucket line dredged the gravel from 70 feet below the river bed and elevated it into the dredge. Each bucket weighed 4000 pounds and 72 were on the line, revolving around a lower tumbler weighing 25 tons. The dump (square shaped top portion as shown) was eight feet square and made of manganese steel plates.

Dirt from the bucket line was dropped into the dump box where water pumps forced the gravel out into a screen. This circular screen was 80 feet long and 36 feet in circumference, featuring holes from one quarter to one and a half inches in size.

As the screen turns it throws the gravel around the water pipes that exert tremendous pressure on the whirling mass. This water pressure washes off the gold particles from the gravel or any other material heavier than the gravel itself. This has often turned up gold, iron, buckshot or watches lost by some earlier hunter or prospector. The lighter material is disposed of behind the dredge, while the heavier objects wash through the holes and are caught on large coconut mats at the side. These mats later are rolled up and taken to the amalgamating room where all material is retorted and the impurities taken out—the gold made into bricks. Some flaky gold would wash away without the use of quicksilver which attracts it.

Large rocks or debris too large to go through the holes come out at the end of the screen and onto the staker belt and eventually are ejected at the rear of the dredge. Mastodon bones, tusks or flesh are periodically found in this refuse. Another large mass that is often encountered is gumbo. When this gumbo lies on the tailing piles under the sun it soon begins to crumble and is the favorite spot of the men during the eventless evenings. John often accompanied his fellow workers to these chunks of gumbo, breaking the chunks up into fine dust blowing it away, finding small particles of gold. During one season on the dredge John collected three and a half ounces by this method of putting in time for an evening. This he kept for five years before he took it to a bank at Pincher Creek to get his money. The bank manager was taking no chances, and had the dust sent to Toronto for analyzing. After insurance and handling charges, John received \$37 for his gold.

While rolling up the coconut mats John saw his first gold nugget and arranged to assume ownership. Today this pear-shaped nugget has been made into a Masonic emblem hung on a chain, whose links are joined by smaller nuggets that he found while working the gumbo rejects. Mrs. Owen has a brooch that is centred with a piece of gold-bearing quartz that John brought out of the Yukon. Leaving the dredge, John work-

ed at such jobs as hauling cordwood, and working in the machine shops before starting on his career as mail carrier. Making his first few trips with the mail plane John later drove cat on a cat-train. His first trip out was a road building trip carrying 28 men and all equipment on four wagons. This trip set the trail, built floating bridge and spotted caches of gasoline for future use. During these later trips the trains carried mail, food bricks and supplies for the camps and trappers along the route. John recalls stopping for one night at Mother Shaffer's Road House on the Pelly River. The temperature was 72 below and the train hauled 14 passengers, 3 tons of mail and groceries. Included in the load were 25 or 30 bags of chiming clocks that a ladies' organization had ordered from Eaton. There were very few good clocks at the end of the trip.

Gasoline was carried in four-gallon cans and at 72 below each can was only half full. The operator had to use care and discretion while filling his gas tank in weather like this. One night a little too much was put in the tank and as it heated and expanded the gas ran over, caught fire and damaged the cat. B. C. Government branded 3 Star brandy and Teachers Highland Cream froze solid in the bottles on this trip and rum was the thickness of a heavy syrup.

At one time John drove the managing director of the company, Mr. Tredgold, on a tour by model "T" Ford. Mr. Tredgold was a native of London, England, and a butterfly collector. On each of the trips he wore a hat pointed at both ends and carried his butterfly net and equipment, a 10 lb. lard pail, a pound of tea, a chunk of cheese and a loaf of bread. His dog Paddy was always at his heels. "There was nothing like a cup of tea in the wilds," he would say, "it has such a woody flavor."

Recalling his trips with Mr. Tredgold, John remembers best the time that they reached the river high in spring flood, and the ferry on the other side. Having no way to cross, John was forced to go to the other side by means of the cable and bring the ferry back. An accompanying picture shows John part way across the cable.

Items of interest and humor could be related to fill this page as John recalled his days in the Yukon.

His holidays came due and John returned to the Pass, fully intending to marry his best girl and return to the frozen north. Circumstances altered his plans, however, and John married, but did not return to the Yukon. After a short stint as a cat operator for the B. C. government, John and Mrs. Owen settled on their farm in the Porcupine Hills where they remained until coming to Coleman to operate Owens Red and White in 1946.

EMERGENT COUNCIL MEETING SENDS DELEGATES TO MEET PREMIER

Within half an hour after the special union meeting, Deputy Mayor Ramsay had council assembled in the council chambers to review the serious condition that faces the citizens of Coleman at this time.

This meeting was called to discuss the advisability of the town sending two delegates to Edmonton to wait upon Premier Manning, Deputy Mayor Ramsay reviewed for the council the statements and decisions that came out of the union meeting. It was then decided that the secretary prepare a brief showing the present assessment of Coleman as compared to the likely future assessment, along with the possible increase in relief cases. This will be taken to the Premier by the delegation.

Council were unanimous in their selection of candidates, selecting Deputy Mayor Ramsay and Councillor Jenkins. Should Mayor Aboussay return from his vacation in the States before the delegation leaves, Councillor Jenkins will withdraw in his favor.

Couples Club Hold Box Social

St. Paul's United Church conducted their annual Box Social Saturday night with Mr. Ken Hurlbert of Lethbridge, as auctioneer. An estimated 50 people attended the event.

The program for the evening included a piano duet by Jeanette Henry and Westlyn Dunford; piano accordion duet by Allan Gate and Leroy Fuller; piano duet by Beverly Bond and Heather Fleming. Community singing followed with Mrs. J. Owen at the piano and E. Gushul on the violin.

A hat making contest using miscellaneous items was enjoyed by the men, winners being A. McQuarrie and Orvil Hurlbert. The children's unwrapping contest was won by Virginia Peknik and Allan Gate. Mrs. Vera McQuarrie won the prize for the most original box and Hazel Gushul the award for the prettiest.

In an effort to raise money to purchase a picture for the church the C.G.T. girls auctioned themselves off as slaves, willing to serve as baby sitters or houseworkers.

Board of Trade Shelves Decision Re Rodeo

The fate of the annual Coleman Rodeo hangs in abeyance for another month due to existing conditions in the town. The matter received the full attention of the regular meeting of the Board of Trade Thursday night when some members expressed decided

opinion that the event should be dropped.

J. Allan, Jr., director of the local talent show, reported his feelings to the board and asked for their direction in regards continuing with the project. It was unanimous that if at all possible the show should continue, and Mr. Allan told to keep on with the organization and the advisability of holding or dropping the show would be considered by the time the cast is ready to start rehearsal.

President Horace Allen tendered his resignation as the result of pressure of school business. Past-President J. L. Hill acting as chairman for the meeting.

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Probably the worst habit an athlete can acquire is the on and off condition situation in which the athlete is either training hard to get in condition or doing everything he can to get out of condition. This sort of living throws a great strain on the body and is one reason why some athletes have a much shorter career than others.

A good example of this type of living is found in the athlete who smokes during the off season, or lets his appetite run riot just because he is not training. The level of physical efficiency possible for the athlete who lives a sound training life all the time is much higher than that of the on and off player and will keep him fit and happy after his competitive playing days are over.

Research shows that athletes who run into health problems

after their competitive days are over are usually those who have been on-and-offers during their playing careers. A typical example is the athlete who, after he finishes playing, puts on a lot of weight and thus does the worst possible thing he can to shorten his life. The coach who sells his players the idea of observing good training rules all the time will be doing both them and himself a big favour. The athlete working on his own who follows this principle will be making the smartest play he could possibly make. The ideal situation is to keep in good shape all the time and merely intensify the training effort when the season starts. This is the way truly top level competition is developed and sustained.

Ideal Hockey Scoring Zone

The best spot from which to shoot on goal is between ten and twenty-five feet out and directly in front of the net. As the age limit gets lower the ideal distance decreases. The principle seems to be that the ideal time to shoot is when you are far enough away from the goalkeeper to prevent him from cutting off your target area by moving in to the puck but close enough to give him the minimum amount of time to make his move once you shoot. The ideal distance changes according to how far the goalkeeper plays out in front of his net, his size and his amount of forward guide into your shot. Remember that as you get closer to the goalkeeper the goal areas you have to shoot at get smaller and smaller.

Aim At the Front Rim

If you want to improve your shooting accuracy make sure you set your eyes on the front rim of the basket before you shoot, as you shoot and until the ball goes in. Tests have proved that when you are shooting at a goal your accuracy is improved a great deal if aimed at a definite target rather than at the whole set-up.

Kitchen Meditations

By JANE DALE

Fair Sex 'Sp'iel

I walked into the dining club To visit with the boys. But when I got inside the doors Oh Brother, what a noise.

The Ladies 'Sp'iel was on, you see. So the visit was off, but what matter. One could not have heard the loudest male word With so much of that female chatter.

—Quoted by "Steezy" Fairman of the Western Producer.

Weekly Tip

TABLE LINEN

Table linen should be ironed partly dry on the wrong side, then entirely dry on the right side, to give the most satisfactory effect.

It Won't Be Long Now



Former Gold Town Exists On Lumber

ZEBALLOS, B.C. — This once-flourishing gold-mining centre on Vancouver Island now is a busy lumbering and trading town. Since the gold mines closed a few years ago, due to decreasing earnings at the pegged price of \$35 an ounce, the population dwindled from about 2,000 to the present 400. The district is 40 miles northwest of Estevan Point light-house, which was shelled by a Japanese submarine during the Second World War.

DECODED INTELLIGRAM

1-Did not 2-Mexico 3-Bonus 4-Dad 5-Do 6-Shoulder blade 7-Do not 8-Asia 9-Phoenix 10-Pacific

Enough concrete was used in building Boulder dam to build a broad highway across the U.S.

Lights At Sunnybrook Welcomed By Residents

SUNNYBROOK, Alta. — The hamlet of Sunnybrook has recently been extended one of the conveniences of the larger centres in the form of electric light for the streets. Canadian Utilities Limited recently completed the job, the lines being extended down from Sheerness and Rose Lynn. The arrival of the "high line" has greatly added to the convenience and comfort of local residents.

MUSTARD SEED SOLD

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — About 2,600,000 pounds of commercial mustard seed have been shipped out of here since last Autumn. Most of the seed, grown in this district, went to the United States.

There are about 70 million pounds of nitrogen in the air around the earth.

Woman Tells Of Mushing 30 Miles With Burned Husband

KOTZBUE, Alaska. — Not all Eskimos know how to run a dog team. Bertha George learned the hard way. The young woman's feat of endurance took her over 30 miles of frozen tundra in far below zero weather in the dead of the Arctic night, running most of the distance behind a team hauling her burned husband, Raymond, to the nearest village.

She probably saved his life, physicians at the Alaska hospital here reported Friday. He has a good chance of complete recovery and another trapping season in the wilderness.

Her story: They were trapping alone on the Seward Peninsula. She was awakened by an explosion and his screams. She jumped from under her heavy reindeer robes and saw him enveloped in flames. A gasoline tank had exploded. She pushed him out of the tent into a snowbank and rolled him about until the fire was snuffed out. She rubbed his scorched flesh with butter, and tore strips from her own clothing to make bandages.

With no previous experience handling nine unruly majesties, she managed to hitch them to the sled, place her half-conscious husband aboard, and began her wild run for help.

The trail was rough and steep downgrades threatened several times to upset them. Using all youth strength, she rode the brake on down grades and ran behind,

pushing, much of the way. Finally they reached the nearest village and help.

Trout Fingerlings Doing Well In Man-Made Lakes

DRUMHELLER, Alta. — The trout fingerlings planted in man-made-lakes on the farm place of Andy Anderson, nine miles west of this city, are wintering well, an official of the Drumheller Fish and Game association said at the conclusion of an inspection recently.

The fish are getting adequate food and the water is being kept in excellent condition by chopping holes in the ice. Water gushed several feet into the air for a few seconds recently as one of the air holes was made in the upper lake.

Last fall local fishermen were taking nine and ten-inch trout on light tackle to thin down the project.

Today is yesterday's pupil.

WEEKLY BIBLE COMMENT

CHRISTIAN GAINS AND LOSSES

The young observer of today who sees extensive movements toward church union can hardly realize how completely a generation or two ago the trend was the other way.

Separatism and divisiveness were not only in the air, but right on the ground, with hard practical reality.

In one Canadian town there were two sorts of Methodism, each church representing a different organization. There were additional sorts of Methodism throughout the country.

There were, likewise, two sorts of Presbyterianism, and there may have been others as well.

Wherever some presumably prophetic soul or ambitious leader thought he had discovered a new idea, he proceeded to build a new, and sometimes a very narrow and intense, denomination around it.

That rank growth of the sects was in a sense the disgrace of Protestantism, but it also had in it a touch of Protestant glory — the emphasis on freedom.

Like all great men and good things, freedom is capable of abuse. But freedom is nevertheless great and good.

Today the trend is all the other way. Controversy has almost disappeared. The things that divided are hardly mentioned.

Yet one Scottish church leader not long ago spoke of "good controversy" as a great need of our time.

And we might well ask whether with all the undoubted gains in present trends we are not in danger of losing some of the essential values of the times when Christians laid so much stress upon their conscientious convictions and were averse toward compromise.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

Am asked why not as many Rolls-Royce automobiles are seen as formerly. This situation is not due to lack of popularity of what is generally conceded to be the world's greatest automobile. It is because the Rolls-Royce people are only turning out a limited number of cars these days. They are devoting much time to the manufacture of aircraft engines. There are only about 25,000 Rolls-Royce cars in the world. The Nizam of Hyderabad owns 50 of them. His favorite is a built 42 years ago, in 1911. In 1947, the Maharajah of Patiala bought 25 Rolls-Royce cars. The world's most magnificent Rolls-Royce is owned by Queen Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. This car is 19 feet long and six feet high.

Horses and Women

The great majority of women follow a policy of totally ignoring male criticism as to feminine fashions. This could be a mistake. At least in some cases. Take the majority of women who wear pants. The resulting view makes them look ridiculous. So ridiculous, a beautiful brunette, dressed in feminine fashion, will always take the spotlight from a woman wearing pants. Why don't women keep in mind the kindly, helpful hint of a husband, who, when his wife asked how she looked in pants, said that from the front she appeared wonderful, and then added, "but, my sweetie, have you seen your rear retreating?"

Grandma Had It

When your grandma was a whistle girl she dressed quite demurely. However, the young women of her era had some very sound ideas as to effective methods of appeal. For example, the rattle of the skirt. However, the sisters of the yesterday were too smart to depend entirely on provocative attire. They knew how to use their eyes. They understood the value of the advice in the Shakespearean line: "Her voice was low, and gentle, an excellent thing in a woman."

Intelligent Women

Alleged experts on the subject of male and female companionship continue to say men do not care for women who are more intelligent and wittier than they are. That is strictly the bunk. Intelligent men strongly prefer intelligent women with a sense of humor. There are some women who imagine themselves to be highly intellectual and extremely witty. They are constantly exhibiting their supposed intelligence and wit. Fact is, they are just boring. This is the type of female who is constantly insisting men don't like women to be smarter or wittier than they are.

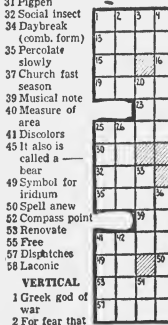
Why Nylons Don't Last

The Nylon hosiery manufacturers continue to blame the women for the allegedly poor wearing qualities of present-day stockings. One manufacturer says women are inclined to be careless when putting on their nylon stockings. That they do so, too hurriedly. He also says many women do not cut their nails properly. That this is very injurious to nylons. Another nylon manufacturer says many women acquire "rough knees" when doing housework. That condition aids in wearing out nylons in a hurry. He suggests women wear knee-pads when scrubbing the bathroom or when doing other household chores on their knees.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

Northern Bruin

HORIZONTAL
2 Apud (ab.)
18 Depleted animal, the
21 _____ bear
13 Supplant
14 Anatomical network
15 Electrical unit
16 Transference
18 Transpose (ab.)
19 Affirmed
21 Counsel
22 French article
24 Measure of type
25 Exclamation
27 Mast water ducts
30 Negative reply
31 Popen
32 Social insect
34 Daybreak (comb. form)
35 Perculate slowly
37 Church fast season
39 Musical note
40 Measure of area
41 Discolor
45 It also is called a _____ bear
49 Symbol for iridium
50 Spell anew
52 Compass point
55 Renovate
56 Free
57 Dispatches
58 Laconic



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MONDAY

8:00 p.m. - Doctrine Study

TUESDAY

8:00 p.m. - Home League

FRIDAY

8:00 p.m. - Week-night Holiness Mtg.

Personalities IN THE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McIntyre of Calgary, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Colwell and sons are holidaying at Nelson.

On March 23 three candidates were initiated into the O.O.R.P. No. 96. The Coleman drill team capably exemplified their ritualistic work.

Richard Guerard, attending the university in Minneapolis, is spending a holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Guerard.

Mrs. W. Martland, of Calgary visited her son and daughter in law Mr. and Mrs. C. Martland last weekend.

Volunteer workers have been busy re-decorating the interior of St. Paul's United Church.

Briquette Pictures

Due to a delay with the pictures there has been a further delay with the plates illustrating this story. Plates should arrive late this week and will be published next week.

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ATTENTION

Delegation Report

The Journal has received word that the delegation to Edmonton are considering calling a Public Meeting. It is expected that the meeting will bring a full report of the delegations conference with Premier Manning

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